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This is a comment pertaining to proposed settlement of the U.S. v. Microsoft antitrust case.

The proposed settlement now before the court falls far short of providing the kinds of remedies that are needed (1) to punish the anti-competitive practices of which Microsoft has been found guilty and (2) to discourage future anti-competitive behavior by the company. Indeed, the settlement as proposed gives Microsoft a green light to proceed in the future as it has in the past.

This is particularly dangerous for the health and viability of our technology-driven nation in which individual innovation has been shown to fuel progress. The future health of our economy is at stake. A decision to settle the case would lead to dominance by Microsoft in increasingly many areas of computing and related fields, driving out competition and stifling innovation.

We need strongly drawn structural or behavior remedies which have substance. The proposed settlement provides neither. I strongly urge you to reject it.

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